

Fred Hampton that was assassinated under the authority of the U.S. Government—not one. Fred Hampton was the only politically assassinated American citizen that was assassinated on the shores of our Nation. Fred Hampton.

They came for me, but they missed me, Mr. Speaker. Early the following morning at about 5 a.m. on December 5, they came, the Chicago Police Department tried to kill me again. They came to my apartment with a search warrant for weapons and they shot my door down, but I was not in that apartment. I moved my family out of that apartment, just hours before they came, on the preceding day.

Mr. Speaker, they tried to justify the murders of Fred Hampton and Mark Clark by saying that it was a shoot-out, placing the blame on Fred and other members of the Black Panther Party. Later, it became crystal clear that this was a clear politically motivated assassination.

The grand jury evidence showed that the police had fired 99 times—99 shots fired into that apartment. And they also said that there were only two shots that were possibly fired by the Panthers in that apartment.

Mr. Speaker, let me remind you that this was during the 1960s, a time of deep and necessary awakening in our Nation, a time of political protest, a time of cultural confrontation. A time of change in our Nation. It was a time when poor, oppressed people took a necessary step forward to end the systemic oppression that they were faced with.

African Americans, women, disabled individuals, Mexican-American farmworkers, Native Americans, anti-war protestors, environmentalists, and other activists organized to fight during this time against injustice and for equality and for equity.

Most of us view this time, some half-century later, as a turning point in American history. A time when the oppressed populations in our Nation finally had an opportunity to speak up and create positive change for themselves and by themselves.

However, Mr. Speaker, J. Edgar Hoover, didn't like what he saw. He didn't like what was going on in our Nation.

J. Edgar Hoover determined that anyone who had the audacity to stand up and challenge the oppressive status quo, that they were a threat.

To whom? We were American citizens. We loved our Nation. We were a threat to him and his consorts—him and those who wanted to oppress, for racial and other reasons, poor people.

Mr. Speaker, in 1956, J. Edgar Hoover created and designed a program within the Federal Bureau of Investigation called COINTELPRO. COINTELPRO was an acronym for the Counterintelligence Program of the FBI.

This program was a calculated, strategic effort to discredit, dismantle, neutralize all the efforts for societal reform, for our right to constitutionally redress our grievances and lift

the oppression, subjugation, discrimination, and biases that we were forced to live under.

This COINTEL Program illegally, outside of the law, spied on and harassed American citizens. They went so far as to tap phone lines, plant false and damaging stories in the national and local press, falsely imprison people, charging people, and even assassinating American citizens, activists.

J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI famously targeted Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and his family. Hoover sought to discredit Dr. King and to undermine his civil rights work by painting him as a Communist.

After Dr. King made his iconic "I Have a Dream" speech, and the inspiration that it created for people from all backgrounds across the Nation, then J. Edgar Hoover and the FBI came to view Dr. King as a dangerous person. They began a massive surveillance campaign against Dr. King. They tried to prove that Dr. King was a Communist. They failed to produce one scintilla of evidence on this, but they still habitually harassed Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In 1964, the FBI sent what is known as the "suicide letter," that was their quote. The letter urged Dr. King to commit suicide by calling him a fraud and citing alleged extramarital affairs. This dastardly, low-life letter was sent to Dr. King's home where it was opened by his wife, Coretta.

This was a calculated, sinister, and deeply personal attempt by the FBI designed to bring shame and harm to Dr. King and his family. This was outside of everything that this Nation stands for—outside of the law.

Mr. Speaker, they were using taxpayer dollars in order to do these and other dastardly things, using this COINTEL Program as their vehicle.

They didn't stop with Dr. King. Some of the other well-known targets for this COINTEL Program included Aretha Franklin, Malcolm X, Muhammad Ali, Billie Holiday, Marilyn Monroe, Jane Fonda, Jean Seberg, John Lennon, Yoko Ono, even the 1960s pop band, The Monkees. They were also victims of COINTEL.

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J. Edgar Hoover had already started spying on people like Charlie Chaplin and Ernest Hemingway well before this COINTELPRO program was finalized and set up and operationalized.

This COINTELPRO program targeted everyday people, not just luminaries, but everyday, ordinary American citizens, anyone that had the audacity to voice a disagreement against discrimination.

They even targeted housewives, the housewives who attended the chapter meetings for the National Organization for Women.

Mr. Speaker, I have introduced the COINTELPRO Full Disclosure Act, H.R. 2998, and I ask that the Members of this Congress sign on to this bill.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

NATIONAL BIBLE WEEK

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN) for 30 minutes.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the topic of this Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Colorado?

There was no objection.

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, it is a great honor for me to come to the floor tonight to commemorate the 81st Annual National Bible Week, a week in which we celebrate the tremendous influence of the Bible on the freedoms we enjoy today in America.

In 1941, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt declared the week of Thanksgiving to be National Bible Week, on the eve of World War II. In the years since, every President has issued a national proclamation, as have many governors and mayors.

The Bible has had a profound impact on my own life as well. When I was an 18-year old freshman at the University of Kansas, I was approached by some people who asked me if I knew what was in the Bible. I said I believed I knew what it was all about; however, I had never read any of it for myself.

The only honest thing I could do at that point was to read it for myself. So when I read the gospel of John, I ended up discovering a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, who became my Lord and Savior.

In that gospel, He said, "I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father but through me."

So we recognize the Bible's powerful message of hope. We cherish the wisdom of the Bible. We acknowledge its profound role in the founding of our country; and we thank God for providing this holy book. It has truly been, as it says, a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.

We are here, in keeping with tradition, to recognize National Bible Week.

Mr. Speaker, we have a number of fellow Representatives from all across this great country of ours who want to comment on National Bible Week, on the importance of the Bible to them, to their districts, and to the country.

We will go now first with Mr. ROBERT ADERHOLT, and then continue down the list in the order that people arrived here.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Alabama (Mr. ADERHOLT).

Mr. ADERHOLT. Mr. Speaker, it is great to be here today to recognize National Bible Week and, especially, along with my colleague, DOUG LAMBORN from the great State of Colorado.

I appreciate his willingness to organize this this evening and to call attention to a book that has had more impact on world history than any other book I think that has ever been written.

I just want to say that here in this Chamber we are reminded, as we look around, of the influence the Bible has had. I look around the room here and see the reliefs of many lawgivers that were depicted around the top of the ceiling that shows that there were men over the ages that have contributed to the making of laws; and it is, of course, to remind us of what our job here is, to make great laws.

But what strikes me is the one that is over the main door that leads into the House Chamber here in the Capitol, and that is a relief of Moses. The relief of Moses that is behind me is different from the other reliefs there. He is neither looking to the left nor to the right. He is looking straight down, actually, on you, Mr. Speaker.

I don't think it is any coincidence when they designed this room that they had that in mind; that Moses was the great lawgiver because he gave the laws that came from God.

Of course, above the Speaker's chair are the words "In God We Trust." So it is on and on throughout the Capitol building itself you see—we remember that the Bible has such a significant part.

But there is one painting here in the Capitol building that I want to call your attention to, in closing, that a lot of people don't really think about, and that is the signing of the Constitution.

They have seen this painting, but it is here just a few steps from where I stand right now, and it was painted in 1940. The artist was commissioned to design a painting showing the signing of the Constitution in Philadelphia.

In that painting you will see several of the delegates, and most of the delegates are actually depicted in that particular painting. In that particular painting, you have George Washington that is presiding over the signing of the Constitution. You can see Ben Franklin prominently depicted there, and several other of the Founding Fathers that you can see depicted.

But on the far right, at the bottom, you will see one of the delegates there, who was Delegate Robert Morris from Pennsylvania. Unless you look closely at that painting, you may not notice, but he has his elbow on the table and right beside his elbow is a book that is open.

If you are like me, you may have passed by that painting on many occasions but never noticed what that book was about because you just think it is maybe some law book that was open there during that particular time.

But quite honestly, if you look closely at the painting, you can see that it says, "Saint Matthew, Chapter 5." I can't help but believe that during the discussions that day, when they were drawing up the Constitution and signing it, that that particular book of the

Bible had a very significant impact, importance upon the discussion that was made there.

Because of that, I have read through Chapter 5 of Matthew and tried to really sort of figure out what it is that maybe they were talking about that particular day. But I can only guess that one of the verses in Chapter 5 that they may have been paying attention to in particular was the verse that says, don't hide your light under a bushel, and let your light shine before men.

They wanted the United States of America to be a light to the rest of the world. They wanted it to be a city on a hill that would not be hid; and that is exactly what I believe that our Nation has done over the last 250 years.

So Mr. Speaker, it is great to have a chance to talk about the Bible, National Bible Week, and I congratulate my colleague, Congressman LAMBORN, for his work here. I thank him for us being able to draw attention to this book that has really changed the life of so many and, literally, millions of people around the world.

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, secondly, we have the gentleman from Texas, Representative BABIN, and then the gentleman from Mississippi after that.

I yield to the gentleman from Texas (Mr. BABIN).

Mr. BABIN. Mr. Speaker, I wish to thank my good friend from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN) for having this Special Order for National Bible Week.

Mr. Speaker, I am elated to recognize National Bible Week once again and to share why God's Word is such an immovable pillar, not only in my life, but millions and millions of people's. From guidance and encouragement to past lessons and future promises, the Bible holds the answers to all of it.

Our nation is in the midst of a moral and spiritual war currently, the likes of which we have never seen. The rule of law is being trampled. Men compete in women's sports. Child pornography is used to sell clothing. Babies continue to be murdered, even after a botched abortion.

Now more than ever, the direction of God's Word is crucial. As we maneuver through these woke and morally corrupt times, I pray that we, as a country, the great United States of America, the shining city on a hill, would find our way back to the teachings of Scripture.

America would not even exist today had God's divine providence and written word not stirred the hearts of our Founding Fathers 246 years ago. Only a fool would think that our Nation could ever survive without God.

I will close with a biblical passage, and I pray that we remember Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct thy paths."

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, next I yield to the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. GUEST).

Mr. GUEST. President Ronald Reagan once said, "Within the covers of the Bible are the answers for all the problems men face."

The Bible has provided our Nation with wisdom and guidance over our history. Within this Chamber, Members of Congress have gathered to debate and ultimately address the most significant challenges to our country.

Since 1962, we have worked under those simple, yet powerful words, the words etched behind me, "In God We Trust."

Without God's direction, we would have faced these challenges alone. As we face the future, we must never forget that our Nation was founded on biblical principles, recognizing that we are blessed to live in a country that we can worship freely, and we must work to see that we always remain "one nation under God."

Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight."

My hope is that all Americans will continue to live by the truth and wisdom found in the word of God. May God continue to bless the United States of America.

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROSE).

Mr. ROSE. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Colorado (Mr. LAMBORN) for yielding and for claiming the time this evening to acknowledge and honor our Nation's 81st National Bible Week.

Mr. Speaker, tomorrow marks 81 years since the world changed forever when Japanese pilots attacked Pearl Harbor, killing 2,403 Americans and pulling America into the Second World War. We will never forget their sacrifices.

The day after that infamous day, the National Broadcasting Company, the leading radio station at the time, began the day with the founders of the National Bible Association. As the news of the gruesome attack on U.S. soil broke, producers at NBC requested that the National Bible Association continue reading the Bible all throughout the day.

Coincidentally, before the attack on Pearl Harbor, President Roosevelt had invited the founders of the National Bible Association to the White House to help commemorate the first National Bible Week. However, they canceled and left a telegram for President Roosevelt stating, "May God bless and guide you in this emergency."

This story reminds me of Mark 13:31, where Jesus says: "Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will never pass away."

As we recognize our country's 81st National Bible Week, I remember that although we may choose to leave God's words behind, the Lord's words will never leave us behind.

Every day it seems as though there is a story in the news that shows our

country turning away from God. High school football coaches are being fired for praying on the field. The Bible is no longer being taught in our schools, and it has become almost scandalous to want to live a life practicing the traditional Christian values we are taught in the Bible.

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But remember, no matter what, the Lord's words will never pass away. I hope that one day, our country will embrace the Lord again.

As a devoted Christian, I am proud to recognize National Bible Week, and I pray I will be able to bring more souls to know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. But until then, may God continue to bless our great Nation.

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate what the gentleman had to say. Tomorrow will be the 81st anniversary of Pearl Harbor Day. That day has lived in infamy.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Wisconsin (Mr. GROTHMAN).

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I thank Mr. LAMBORN for organizing this little group of speeches.

As has been mentioned, the first National Bible Week was less than 2 weeks before Pearl Harbor in 1941. Why do we have a National Bible Week? Because the Bible was the preeminent text of our forefathers when they wrote our Constitution.

To leave you with a couple quotes, George Washington said: "It is impossible to govern the world without God and the Bible. Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, our religion and morality are indispensable supporters."

John Jay, the first Chief Justice of the U.S. Supreme Court: "The Bible is best of all books, for it is the word of God and teaches us the way to be happy in this world and in the next. Continue therefore to read it and regulate your life by its precepts."

Clearly, if you want to understand the Constitution, you have to understand the Bible. That is why John Adams said that the Constitution is made only for a moral and religious people and totally unfit for any other kind.

The most read book or most cited book, by our forefathers, in the Old Testament was Deuteronomy. I have always felt the reason they quoted Deuteronomy so much is they wanted America to be the type of country that God had wanted Israel to be.

Deuteronomy ends with the death of Moses. As has been mentioned, in the relief up here, the wisest man, or the man with the most important position in this room, is Moses, which shows that Congress, even at the time we built this Capitol, talked about the importance of the Bible in understanding what behavior should be and in understanding what our Constitution has made a reference to.

In any event, I thank Congressman LAMBORN one more time for putting to-

gether this ceremony and encourage, particularly all of the young people out there, to read the Bible so you understand the basis of our country.

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for his words.

Mr. GROTHMAN mentioned John Adams. I have a great quote here from John Quincy Adams, the younger of the two that became President: "I speak as a man of the world to the men of the world; and I say to you, Search the Scriptures. The Bible is the book of all others, to be read at all ages, and in all conditions of human life; not to be read once or twice or thrice through, and then laid aside, but to be read in small portions of one or two chapters every day, and never to be intermitted, unless by overruling necessity."

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Nebraska (Mr. BACON).

Mr. BACON. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman LAMBORN for organizing this Special Order.

I thank God for the Bible. The Bible is God's Word, and it tells us who God is, that He loves us, that He made us and created the world, that He has an eternal plan for us. The Bible gives me hope. It teaches me how to live, love, forgive, be humble, have self-control, and to be kind. It has given me life's roadmap and a compass to steer me right.

Knowing God's eternal plan and that He gave guidelines on how to live, gives me meaning in life. Without meaning, I would not have been able to face the darkest days of my life, like when I lost my best friend and sister. I have lost four siblings and my mom. Without God, I would not have been able to move forward on many of these days. One of my favorite hymns says: "I can face tomorrow because He lives."

My theme verse, that comes from Matthew, says:

Do not store up treasures on Earth, where moth and rust can destroy and where thieves break in and steal. But store up treasures for yourselves in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.

When I was deployed in Iraq in 2007 and 2008 and we were losing so many soldiers, brothers and sisters in arms, I thought of this other verse from Matthew every single day: "Do not be afraid of those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul."

I knew al-Qaida and the Shia militias could possibly kill me, but I was assured that my soul was secure with God.

When things are not going well, I think of Paul's words when God told him: "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

Now that I am in political office, I often apply this verse, one I overlooked much of my life: "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."

We are all imperfect and need God's redemption. Thankfully, God sent His only Son to take the punishment of the sins we commit. He saved us. The Bible

says that when we put our faith in Him, we are redeemed.

John Newton famously wrote: "When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun."

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for sharing that message from the heart, and I appreciate what the Bible has done in his life.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. ALLEN).

Mr. ALLEN. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman LAMBORN for arranging this Special Order.

Mr. Speaker, when President Roosevelt convened the inaugural celebration of National Bible Week, as was mentioned, it was 1941. America was still recovering from an economic collapse, and across the sea, war raged in Europe.

It seemed the whole world was shrouded in darkness. But Roosevelt believed that the Bible is an eternal source of hope.

We know that the Bible is life-changing. As mentioned about the news of the attack and as mentioned before, NBC was broadcasting the reading of the Bible; they made a monumental decision during that process. As they were broadcasting the news, during breaks, they would continue to read the Bible. They recognized one simple truth: There is no greater spiritual armor than the Word of God.

So where are we some 81 years later? The pollsters say that 7 in 10 Americans believe that our Nation is in crisis and at the risk of collapse. There continues to be wars and rumors of wars. But I believe, as President Roosevelt believed, in the awesome life-changing power of God's Word.

Ephesians 6 says:

Put on the full armor of God that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

As we look around our Chamber here, fellow Members, we are without excuse. As mentioned earlier, we have "In God We Trust" here. We have lawmakers all around us and, obviously, the full face of Moses, who gave us the first four chapters of the Bible.

Some 40 years later, after National Bible Week was declared, Billy Graham gave this prayer, and I will read part of it. He said: "Our Father and our God, Thou hast said, 'Blessed is that nation whose God is the Lord.' We recognize on this historic occasion that we are 'a nation under God.' We thank Thee for this torch of faith handed to us by our forefathers. May we never let it be extinguished. Thou alone has given us our prosperity, our freedom and our power. This faith in God is our heritage and our foundation."

"Thou has warned us in the Scriptures, 'If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?'"

"As George Washington reminded us in his farewell address, morality and faith are the pillars of our society. We confess these pillars are being eroded in an increasingly materialistic and permissive society. The whole world is watching to see if the faith of our fathers will stand the trials and tests of this hour. Too long we have neglected Thy word and ignored Thy laws. Too long we have tried to solve our problems without reference to Thee. Too long we have tried to live by bread alone. We have sown to the wind and are now reaping the whirlwind of crime, division, and rebellion."

That prayer was given in 1969, and here we are today. So just as we turned to the Bible then, I pray that we will turn to it now.

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Georgia for his words.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CARTER).

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for yielding, and I thank him for sponsoring this Special Order. This is certainly important, important to all of us who are believers, and I count myself as one of those.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in celebration of one of the greatest gifts that God has given us, His Word that is the Bible.

As we near the holiday season, we must be mindful of why we celebrate, which is the birth of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

As we enter the Christmas season, it is easy to be consumed by the laundry list of items and tasks that must be completed before you host or travel to see family and friends. It is easy to become lost and forget the true meaning and purpose of Christmas.

Friends and fellow Americans, I urge you to remain grounded in the true story of Christmas, because it is indeed some great news.

Luke Chapter 2, verses 9 through 11, tells us: "An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. But the angel said to them, 'Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; He is the Messiah, the Lord.'"

Wow, what a powerful moment that must have been to the shepherds that night.

The Christmas story is the greatest feel-good story anyone could ever ask for, that no matter how we sin, what we do, or the disagreements we may have, the Lord our God, the living God, sent His one and only Son to die for each of us so that we may all join Him in eternal paradise. Now, that is the awesome Christmas gift.

Thank you to my friend from Colorado for hosting this important Special Order. It is indeed important, particularly during this time of year.

Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CAR-

TER) for reminding us of what the reason for the season really is.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentleman from Georgia (Mr. CLYDE).

Mr. CLYDE. Mr. Speaker, I thank Congressman LAMBORN for leading this important Special Order.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor and celebration of National Bible Week.

For multiple millennia, the Bible has served as God's revelation to His creation, providing an account of His divine plan. The future hope of glory through the gospel of the Word of God renders guidance to us so that we have the hope of eternal life offered by His grace through faith.

The Bible is also the very reason we can live freely in the United States of America. More than 400 years ago, settlers bound together in search of the New World to escape religious persecution and establish a free government.

Our Founding Fathers wove the Word of God into the very fabric of our Nation, with the Bible playing a critical role in the unity and success of these wise men as they forged a future that is free.

As John Adams once said: "The Bible contains the most profound philosophy, the most perfect morality, and the most refined policy that ever was conceived upon Earth."

It is because of these men that our Lord and Savior's guidance has been key to the preservation of our Republic.

Now, more than two centuries later, I pray this body uses God's Word as our guiding light. Because a government whose foundation is built on God and His Word is a government that will have peace, freedom, and liberty.

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Mr. LAMBORN. Mr. Speaker, I thank the gentleman for those thoughts on this commemoration of National Bible Week.

To conclude, Mr. Speaker, I have two more quotes from other Presidents of the United States.

Ronald Reagan, in his own declaration of National Bible Week when he was in office, said: "When I took the oath of office, I requested that my mother's Bible be opened to 2nd Chronicles 7:14, which reads, 'If my people which are called by my name shall humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.' This passage expresses my hopes for the future of this Nation and the world."

Lastly, to make this bipartisan, President Truman said during an address at the Attorney General's Conference on Law Enforcement Problems: "The fundamental basis of this Nation's law was given to Moses on the Mount. The fundamental basis of our Bill of Rights comes from the teachings which we get from Exodus and St. Matthew, from Isaiah and St. Paul. I

don't think we emphasize that enough these days."

If that was true in the late 1940s, that is certainly true today.

He continued: "If we don't have the proper fundamental moral background, we will finally end up with a totalitarian government which does not believe in rights for anybody except the State."

I am going to conclude by saying this, Mr. Speaker: It has been an honor and a pleasure to commemorate National Bible Week this evening. I am grateful for all of my colleagues who joined me to honor the Word of God.

The Bible is the single most important book ever written. It has the power to change lives. It has liberated many from oppression by its clear teachings. It is truly an amazing and remarkable piece of writing. It contains pure truth about God, about life, the nature of mankind, and our own hearts as human beings.

I am thankful for the Word of God, the impact that it has had on my life, on the lives of those who have spoken here today, and on the life of our great Nation.

Mr. Speaker, I yield back the balance of my time.

RECOGNIZING FIRST ANNIVERSARY OF KENTUCKY TORNADOES

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the Chair recognizes the gentleman from Kentucky (Mr. COMER) for 30 minutes.

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the 1-year anniversary of the devastating tornadoes that struck my district.

On December 10 and 11, 2021, communities from Fulton to Taylor County endured a fierce, long-track tornado that leveled numerous communities. The damage sustained during the relentless storm was unimaginable, and our prayers are still with the families who lost loved ones.

In the aftermath of this disaster, Kentuckians across the Commonwealth came together to offer help, provide support, and deliver aid when many needed it most.

As the communities continue to rebuild and recover, I want to recognize the local servant leaders and citizens who are helping get our communities back on their feet. As we continue to move forward, I am inspired by their courageous efforts to restore our local communities.

Serving the people of Kentucky's First Congressional District is an honor, and my office remains committed to assisting their recovery efforts in every way.

DAWSON SPRINGS TORNADO RELIEF EFFORT

Mr. COMER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize the selfless efforts of local Kentuckians who served their community in a time of need.

Todd Marshall, Larry Cavanah, Kent Workman, Zach Willett, Paulette Gray,